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Polynomial Factoring solution (version 688)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 + 6x + 22 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(6) \pm \sqrt{(6)^2 - 4(1)(22)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(6) \pm \sqrt{36 - 88}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-52}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-4 \cdot 13}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{13}i}{2}$$

$$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{13}i$$

Notice that i is NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of $5 + 9i$ and $-3 - 7i$ in standard form $(a + bi)$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & (5 + 9i) \cdot (-3 - 7i) \\ & -15 - 35i - 27i - 63i^2 \\ & -15 - 35i - 27i + 63 \\ & -15 + 63 - 35i - 27i \\ & 48 - 62i \end{aligned}$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 16x - 12$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is $(x - 6)$.

Solution

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & -3 & -16 & -12 \\ 6 & 6 & 18 & 12 & \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x - 6)(x^2 + 3x + 2)$$

$$f(x) = (x - 6)(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = (x + 7)^2 \cdot (x + 2) \cdot (x - 1)$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial $y = p(x)$.

